

If Sinclair Broadcasting has decided to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election, it is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. We need to hold ourselves up to a high standard, because our democracy depends on it, and the rest of the world is watching what we do.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.